

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) A gaming device operated under the control of a processor, said gaming device comprising:

a display device controlled by the processor;

a start area displayed by the display device, said start area defined by a plurality of different start positions;

an input device operable to enable a player to select one of the start positions by inputting an area of the start area, said input device operable to communicate with said processor;

a plurality of award positions displayed by the display device spaced apart from the start area;

a plurality of different paths including at least one predetermined path from each start position to each award position;

at least one award associated with at least one of the award positions; and

an object displayable by the display device moving from the start area to one of the award positions along one of the predetermined paths there between, wherein:

after one of the start positions is selected by the player activating the input device;

said award position is determined by the processor from said plurality of award positions, wherein for at least one of the start positions (a) a first one of said award positions is more likely to be generated than a second one of said award positions, and (b) said first award position is displayed by said display device closer in proximity to an area of the start area ~~which is part of said start position~~ than said second award position;

after said award position is determined, said object moves along one of the predetermined paths from said selected start position to said determined award position, and

wherein any award associated with said determined award position is provided to the player.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented) The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the start positions are displayed by the display device.

Claim 3 (Original) The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the input device includes a touch screen.

Claim 4 (Original) The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes one of: (a) a plurality of paths from one of the start positions to one of the award positions; (b) a plurality of paths from each of a plurality of the start positions to one of the award positions; (c) a plurality of paths from each of the start positions to one of the award positions; (d) a plurality of paths from one of the start positions to each of a plurality of the award positions; (e) a plurality of paths from each of a plurality of the start positions to each of a plurality of the award positions; (f) a plurality of paths from each of the start positions to each of a plurality of the award positions; (g) a plurality of paths from one of the start positions to each of the award positions; (h) a plurality of paths from each of a plurality of the start positions to each of the award positions; and (i) a plurality of paths from each start position to each award position.

Claim 5 (Original) The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes a plurality of awards associated with a plurality of the award positions.

Claim 6 (Original) The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes an award associated with each award position.

Claim 7 (Original) The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes a plurality of blockages displayed by the display device between said start area and said award positions.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented) The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein for each of a plurality of the start positions (a) a first one of said award positions is predetermined to be generated more often than a second one of said award positions, and (b) said first award position is closer in proximity to an area of the start area which is part of the start position than said second award position.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented) The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein for each of the start positions (a) a first one of said award positions is predetermined to be generated more often than a second one of said award positions, and (b) said first award position is closer in proximity to an area of the start area which is part of the start position than said second award position.

Claim 10 (Original) The gaming device of Claim 1, said path is randomly determined from said selected start position to said determined award position by the processor.

Claim 11 (Original) The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes a greater number of paths from one of the start positions to a first one of the award positions than a number of paths from said start position to a second one of the award positions that is further away from an area of the start area which is part of the start position than the first award position.

Claim 12 (Original) The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein two of the award positions are associated with the same award, and wherein a number of paths from the selected start position to the award position closer in proximity to the start position is greater than a number of paths to the award position further in proximity to the start position.

Claim 13 (Original) The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the awards are displayed by the display device in association with their respective award positions.

Claim 14 (Original) The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the selected start position is determined by an event displayed by the display device.

Claim 15 (Original) The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the selected start position is determined by a random event.

Claim 16 (Original) The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the selected start position is determined by a game displayed by the display device.

Claim 17 (Original) The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes at least one intermediate award position along one of the paths, at least one award associated with said intermediate award position, wherein if the processor generates said path, the processor causes the display device to display the object moving from said start position through the intermediate award position to the generated award position along the path and provides the player the award associated with said intermediate award position.

Claim 18 (Original) The gaming device of Claim 17, wherein the award associated with the award position and the award associated with the intermediate award position is provided to the player.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended) A gaming device operated under the control of a processor, said gaming device comprising:

- a display device controlled by the processor;

- a start area displayed by the display device, said start area defined by a plurality of different start positions;

- an input device operable to enable a player to select one of the start positions by inputting an area of the start area and operable to communicate with said processor;

- a plurality of award positions displayed by the display device spaced apart from the start area;

- a plurality of different paths including a plurality of predetermined paths from each start position to each award position;

- a plurality of awards including one of said awards associated with each award position; and

- an object displayable by the display device moving from the start area to one of the award positions along one of the predetermined paths there between, wherein:

- after one of the start positions is selected by the player activating the input device;

- said award position is determined by the processor, wherein for each of the start positions (a) a first one of said award positions is predetermined to be generated more often than a second one of said award positions, and (b) said first award position is displayed by the display device closer in proximity to an area of the start area ~~which is part of said start position~~ than said second award position;

- after said award position is determined, said object moves along one of the predetermined paths from said selected start position to said determined award position, and

- wherein the award associated with said determined award position is provided to the player.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended) The gaming device of Claim 19, wherein the start positions are displayed by the display device.

Claim 21 (Original) The gaming device of Claim 19, wherein the input device operable includes a touch screen.

Claim 22 (Original) The gaming device of Claim 19, which includes a plurality of blockages displayed by the display device between said start area and said award positions.

Claim 23 (Original) The gaming device of Claim 19, said path is randomly determined from said selected start position to said determined award position by the processor.

Claim 24 (Original) The gaming device of Claim 19, which includes a greater number of paths from one of the start positions to a first one of the award positions than a number of paths from said start position to a second one of the award positions that is further away from said start position than the first award position.

Claim 25 (Original) The gaming device of Claim 19, wherein two of the award positions are associated with the same award, and wherein a number of paths from the selected start position to the award position closer in proximity to the start position is greater than a number of paths to the award position further in proximity to the start position.

Claim 26 (Original) The gaming device of Claim 19, wherein the awards are displayed by the display device in association with their respective award positions.

Claim 27 (Original) The gaming device of Claim 19, which includes at least one intermediate award position along one of the paths, at least one award associated with said intermediate award position, wherein if the processor generates said path, the processor causes the display device to display the object moving from said start position through the intermediate award position to the generated award position along the path and provides the player the award associated with said intermediate award position.

Claim 28 (Original) The gaming device of Claim 27, wherein the award associated with the award position and the award associated with the intermediate award position is provided to the player.

Claim 29 (Currently Amended) A gaming device operated under the control of a processor, said gaming device comprising:

- a display device controlled by the processor;
- a plurality of award positions displayed by the display device;
- a plurality of awards associated with the award positions;
- a start area displayed by the display device spaced apart from the award positions, said start area including a plurality of start positions;
- a plurality of different paths from the start positions to the award positions including a predetermined path from each start position to each award position; and
- an object displayable by the display device, wherein one of the award positions is generated based on a selected start position and probabilities associated with said selected start position for generating each of the award positions from each of the start positions, wherein the probabilities are structured such that award positions closer in proximity to the selected start position are selected more often than are award positions further in proximity to the selected start position, wherein after one of the award positions is generated, the object moves from one of said start positions to a said generated award position along one of the predetermined paths and wherein the award associated with said generated award position is provided to the player.

Claim 30 (Original) The gaming device of Claim 29, which includes a probability associated with each path from each start position to each award position, wherein one of the paths is generated based on said probabilities, said selected start position and the generated award position.

Claim 31 (Original) The gaming device of Claim 29, wherein the probabilities associated with the paths from each start position to each award position are weighted.

Claim 32 (Currently Amended) A gaming device operated under the control of a processor, said gaming device comprising:

- a display device controlled by the processor;

- a plurality of start positions displayable by the display device;

- a plurality of end positions displayable by the display device and spaced apart from the start positions, wherein each end position is associated with a probability of being selected and wherein one end position is selected based on the probabilities;

- a plurality of different predetermined paths from the start positions to the end positions including a predetermined path from each start position to the selected end position; and

- an object displayable by the display device, wherein after the end position is selected, the object is—and configured to move from one of said start positions to the selected end position along one of the predetermined paths,—wherein and the processor selects one of the predetermined paths—is selected from one of the start positions to the selected end position based on the probability associated with the selected end position.

Claim 33 (Previously Presented) The gaming device of Claim 29, which includes at least one intermediate award position along one of the paths, at least one award associated with said intermediate award position, wherein the display device is configured to display the object moving from said start position through the intermediate award position to the generated award position along the path and wherein the award associated with said intermediate award position is provided to the player.



Claim 34 (Previously Presented) The gaming device of Claim 32, which includes at least one intermediate award position along one of the paths, at least one award associated with said intermediate award position, wherein the display device is configured to display the object moving from said start position through the intermediate award position to the generated award position along the path and wherein the award associated with said intermediate award position is provided to the player.

Claim 35 (Previously Presented) The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein each start position includes the same total number of paths.

Claim 36 (Previously Presented) The gaming device of Claim 19, wherein each start position includes the same total number of paths.

Claim 37 (Previously Presented) The gaming device of Claim 29, wherein each start position includes the same total number of paths.

Claim 38 (Previously Presented) The gaming device of Claim 32, wherein each start position includes the same total number of paths.